

Amendments to the Claims:

Please add new dependent claims 4-6, and amend claims 1-3 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a medicament into ~~a~~ the body of a patient by injection into or through ~~a~~ the skin surface of said ~~[[a]]~~ patient, comprising:

a housing having a bottom surface adapted to contact ~~a~~ the skin surface of a patient, a needle aperture on said bottom surface, and a top surface;

an injection needle adapted for penetration of said skin surface ~~tissue~~ and for movement through said ~~the~~ needle aperture;

a reservoir, disposed within said housing, said reservoir in fluid communication with ~~said to the~~ injection needle; and

~~a pressurization system for pressurizing the reservoir;~~

a safety ~~shielding~~ member adapted for movement away from said ~~the~~ bottom surface of said housing, ~~said safety the-shielding~~ member having a covering portion disposed about said ~~the~~ needle aperture, and at least one shield ~~stanchion~~ protruding from said ~~the~~ covering portion, said safety the-shielding member having a first position wherein said shield ~~the stanchion~~ of said safety the-shielding member is initially disposed within said ~~the~~ housing and said ~~the~~ covering portion is substantially co-planar with said ~~the~~ bottom surface of said ~~the~~ housing, and a second position wherein said shield ~~the stanchion~~ of said safety the-shielding member is at least partially withdrawn from said ~~the~~ housing and ~~the covering portion~~ at least partially covers said injection ~~the~~ needle;

a spring ~~biasing~~ element configured ~~disposed within the housing adapted to contact the shielding member and bias~~ said shield and covering portion of said safety the-shielding member toward said ~~towards the second position of the shielding member;~~ and

a movable door interposer having a first position, which prevents movement of said safety the shielding member, and a second position, which allows movement of said safety the shielding member;

wherein when said the device is placed upon said the skin surface of said the patient and activated, said door is released and free to move the interposer is moved from said [[a]] first position to said [[a]] second position and said spring the biasing element is free to urge said safety allowed to bias the shielding member into said the second position, whereby, thereby, as said the device is removed from said the skin surface, said shield of said safety the member emerges from said the housing and at least partially covers said injection the needle.

2. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a medicament into a the body of a patient by injection into or through a the skin surface of a patient, comprising:

a housing having a bottom surface adapted to contact a the skin surface of a patient, a needle aperture on said bottom surface, and a top surface;

an injection needle adapted for penetration of said skin surface tissue and for movement through said the needle aperture;

a reservoir, disposed within said housing, said reservoir in fluid communication with said to the injection needle; and

a pressurization system for pressurizing the reservoir; and

a safety shielding member adapted for movement substantially perpendicular to said the bottom surface of said housing, said safety the shielding member having a skin contacting portion disposed about said the needle aperture and is substantially covered with adhesive, and at least one shield stanchion protruding from said the skin contacting portion, said safety the shielding member having a first position wherein said shield the stanchion of said safety the shielding member is initially disposed within said the housing and said the skin contacting portion is substantially co-planar with said the bottom surface of said the housing, and a second position wherein said shield the stanchion of said safety the shielding member is at least partially withdrawn from said the housing and said safety the shielding member at least partially covers said injection the needle;

wherein when said the device is placed upon said the skin surface of said the patient, said the skin contacting portion of said ~~safety the-shielding~~ member is temporarily adhered to said the skin surface and when said the device is removed from said the skin surface, said the adhesion of said ~~safety the-shielding~~ member to said the skin surface is sufficient to move said ~~safety the-shielding~~ member from said the first position to said the second position.

3. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a medicament into a ~~the~~ body of a patient by injection into or through a the skin surface of a patient, comprising:

a housing having a bottom surface, a needle aperture on said bottom surface, and a top surface;

an injection needle adapted for penetration of said skin surface tissue and for movement through said the needle aperture;

a reservoir, disposed within said housing, said reservoir in fluid communication with said ~~to the~~ injection needle; and

~~a pressurization system for pressurizing the reservoir; and~~

a safety ~~shielding~~ member adapted for rotational movement along an arcuate path relative ~~substantially perpendicular~~ to said the bottom surface of said housing, said ~~safety the~~ ~~shielding~~ member having a skin contacting portion disposed about said the needle aperture and is substantially covered with adhesive, and a pivot, said ~~safety the-shielding~~ member having a first position wherein said ~~safety~~ ~~shielding~~ member is secured against said bottom surface and substantially co-planar with said the bottom surface of said the housing, and a second position wherein said ~~safety the-shielding~~ member is released and rotated about said the pivot and said ~~safety the-shielding~~ member at least partially covers said ~~injection~~ the needle;

wherein when said the device is placed upon said the skin surface of said the patient, said the skin contacting portion of said ~~safety the-shielding~~ member is temporarily adhered to said the skin surface and when said the device is removed from said the skin surface, said the adhesion of said ~~safety the-shielding~~ member to said the skin surface is sufficient to rotate

said safety ~~the shielding~~ member about said ~~the~~ pivot from said ~~the~~ first position to said ~~the~~ second position.

4. (New) The device as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a pressurization system for pressurizing said reservoir.

5. (New) The device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a pressurization system for pressurizing said reservoir.

6. (New) The device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a pressurization system for pressurizing said reservoir.